

A Rose-Colored Tomorrow

Chapter 7

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Part 3 『Ichi』

***He's
not
a black
crow.***



Nana was so
afraid of being on
the receiving end of
Kiko-shae's anger
that she ran and
hid in the storage.
That's when I came
up with an idea.

when she
broke the
plaster
that Kiko-
shae
really
treasured

The summer
of our fourth
year, Nana
was looking
around the
yard waving
a broom
around in the
air





I'm—



TO ADD-POWER
TO MIND-CARRY

DON'T WORRY

...



We're



really—



AND
EVEN
THOUGH I
COULD'VE
JUST
WAITED
UNTIL
TOMORROW
(MONDAY),
I REALLY
WANTED
TO GIVE
THIS TO
YOU
TODAY.
I'M
REALLY
SORRY!
IT'S NOT
MUCH, BUT
PLEASE
ACCEPT
IT!

I'M
SORRY
TO
INTRUDE
ON YOU
OUT OF
THE
BLUE...
BUT I
HEARD
THAT IT
WAS
YOUR
BIRTHDAY
TODAY...







SLAM



BUT YOU
GUYS ARE
GETTING
ON MY
NERVES



who
rare
lets me
today

Anyone





will have to
brush off the
encounter as
being just bad
luck on their
part. That's
just the way it
is

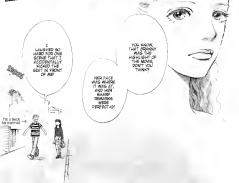


WHAT DO
YOU WANT TO
DO NEXT? DO
YOU WANT TO
GO GET SOME
COFFEE? OR
MAYBE HAVE A
BITE TO EAT?

THAT WAS
AWESOME!



I'M
GIDDY
HOM!





SHANE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN
TOO COOL?
IT'S CHICK-
FULL OF
CHAMP. IT'S
AFRORE!

WHEN I
SEE ONE
COOL
GIRL, I
TALK
FLUTE.
WHEN I
WALK TO
LIVE ONE
DAY, YOU
KNOW?

I LOVE
PEANUTS AND
CHAMP. YOU
KNOW?

SHANE
SHANE

SO ON
SUNDAY
MORNING
WHEN I
WAS IN
JUNIOR
HIGH,

AND I
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
HER

SHANE

—HERE

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT YOU
CALL THE
SHOPPING
CART?

WHEN I
BOUGHT
HER ONE
OF THOSE,

SHE
CAME AT
ME WITH
FISTS
FLYING,
YELLING

"HOW
OLD DO
YOU
THINK I
AM?"

AS
KIND OF
AN OLD
MAN, YOU
KNOW?

MY MOM
DON'T LIKE
KIDS, YOU
KNOW? SO I
WAS BANNED BY
MY GRANDMA

THANKING
FOR
TODAY

WELL

THAT

SHE
KEEPS IT IN
STORAGE
THOUGH
COULDN'T SHE
JUST SLEEP
FORGET FOR
IT WHEN
SHE REALLY
DOES
RECENT AN
OLD HAS

IS MY
PLACE

WELCOME
BACK



the young female
teacher smiled at
it.

"WHY DO WE
HAVE TO BE IN
SEPARATE
CLASSROOMS?"

"When we
want to
complain
to the
teacher."

In grade
three, we
started
being in
different
classes for
the first time
ever.

"WE'VE NEVER
BEEN APART
FROM EACH
OTHER
BEFORE!"

and told
us this:





WELL, YOU SEE—

IF YOU TWO ARE IN THE SAME CLASSROOM, YOU'LL ONLY EVER BE TOGETHER

HOWEVER, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO AT HOME

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHERS AND PLAY WITH THEM

THAT'S HOW YOU CAN SLOWLY EXPAND YOUR WORLD FROM JUST YOUR HOUSE TO A BIGGER WORLD

I'M HOPING THAT THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TWO TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT

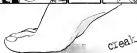


Adults
think of
the
stupidest
of things.

Someone
knows it?

From
where?
From
where?

DOH
ALWAYS
SMILES
LIKE THAT
WHEN HE
HAS
SOMETHING
UP HIS
SLEEVE.





THAT'S A
GREAT
IDEA
IF
I
CAN
DO
IT

...

ARE
YOU
READY?

NO

NOPE

ARE
YOU
GOING
TO
START
DOING
ALL
WITH
ME?

AS
IS?

THAT'S
THEY
PROVE, IT.

...

I
KNOW
HOW
THOUGH
THAT
LET'S
NOT
A
BIG
PERSON.

ARE
THINGS
NOT
QUICKLY
AND
THOUGH.

SOON





SEE
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT
FOR AS
LONG AS
I LIVE...

I'LL
NEVER

That's
why even
now,
yellow's
the
colour I
despise
the most

I don't
know
why, but
he was
always
wearing
a yellow
shirt.

He was
an idiot
who
thought
he could
draw her
attention
by picking
on her.

There
was this
huge
tree-
trunk of
a guy
who kept
on
bothering
Nana.

Back
when
we
were
in
grade
four—





DIINGG
DOONGG





This morning,
Nana avoided me.





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Was
what I
did



is
wrong?

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WASH

WASH

AREN'T YOU GOING
AFTER
HER?

WASH

"THANK
SO MUCH"

I
JUST
SAID
YES

MURDO
IS HERE AGAIN

NO
WASH

IT'S HOLD
ON A SEC

I HAVE TO
HAND THIS IN
BEFORE
LUNCH IS UP...

HEY--
HEY--

GOOD--
I DON'T
HAVE ANY
MORE LEFT

AND
LEAVING
ME WITH
MECHANICAL
PAINFUL

WASH
THAT'S THE
WORKING
ON THAT
THE ABOUT
THERE A
MOMENT





Right
after we
started
junior
high.

one day
during
class, my
right
hand
suddenly
went all
numb
and I
couldn't
hold a
pencil

When I
went to
the
nurse's
room,
Nana
was
there

and as it turned
out she messed
up a jump over
the vaulting box,
and the pinky
and ring finger
of her right
hand were all
swollen up.

She
had
broken
them.



At
least
once
every
month.

a body
part I
never
remember
hurting
begins to
ache.

WE
CAN'T DO
STUFF
LIKE THAT

REMEMBER

PURPOSELY
AVOIDED ME
THE
MORNING
THOUGH...

YOU...

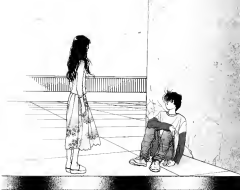
Little

WILL
FEEL

YOU
SEEM PRETTY
CALM ABOUT
IT









I can't help but
understand the
feelings of those
who go astray
in life.

For the
first time in
my life.









"...BECAUSE IT'S
THE SAME FOR
US".

"THE ONLY
PERSON WE
NEED IS EACH
OTHER".

It was
calling
himself
our 'Pa'
showed
up.

This
March.

How much
he loved
our real
mom, so
that's why
we
snapped
back at
him.

We kept
bragging
about



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THAT'S PROBABLY A BIT
STRONG

BUT THEN AGAIN,

ANYONE NOT

"Pat"
replied
with
this



THAT
GIRL
GUY

DOY
GUY



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YEAH, PEOPLE
TELL ME
THAT ALL
THE TIME



THAT
OUTST
DROUGHT
FOR
THE
GREAT
ON
YOU
LIGHT

WELL
LATE
THERE

Adams
WELL
LATE
THERE



IT'S
EASY TO
SPOT YOU,
LIGHT

NO
MATTER
WHERE
YOU
ARE



YOU
ARE
LATE

THAT'S
INTERESTING
CONSIDERING YOU
WERE THE ONE WHO
SAID YOUR FRIEND
WASN'T TO BLAME
ANYMORE.





**BA-
DUMP**



**BA-
DUMP**



**BA-
DUMP**





WTHOOOAAA!



THUD



PROBABLY A BIT WRONG

BUT THEN AGAIN,

ANYONE NOT?

"THAT'S





No,
scratch
that, I'm
NOT
wrong.

I'm not
wrong.

But
at
the
same
time, I
am.

Even
then, I'm
wrong...





God,

I want
to meet a
Hana
that's not
related to
me.